

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY JULY 28, 2014, 7:30 P.M.  
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**D O C K E T**

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2. Approval of the June 23, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to reserve 10 parking spaces along the west side of Reinekers Lane for vendors of the Upper King Street Farmers Market. A “No Parking, Vendors Only, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursdays,” restriction would be installed for the 10 spaces during the months of June through October
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a 70 foot, “No Parking, Loading Zone, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday through Saturday,” restriction in front of Del Ray Pizzeria
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7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on Reed Avenue

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**M I N U T E S**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, Gregory Cota, William Schuyler, Elizabeth Jones, Mary White and James Lewis.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Beekman was absent.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Traffic Studies Engineer, Faye Dastgheib, Principal Parking Planner, and Chris Dowling, Traffic Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the May 19, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** There were no reports or updates from City staff.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.–5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restriction on the east side of the 400 block of South Payne Street where parking is currently unrestricted.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mary Cronin and Arlyn Danielson spoke in favor of the request, and also requested the installation of a non-RPP parking restriction of the west side of the block.

**DISCUSSION:** Bob Garbacz and Faye Dastgheib presented the item to the Board. The Board discussed adding a non-RPP restriction on the west side of the block as well.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to install a “3 Hour, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday” restriction on the west side of the block and to recommend to the City Manager to approve the request to install a “3 Hour, 8 a.m.– 5p.m., Monday – Friday, with the exception of District 4 Permit Holders,” restriction on the east side of the 400 block of South Payne Street, The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) into a permanent Certificate.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Karim Abdu, owner of King Cab Company, spoke in favor of the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. The Board discussed approving the grandfathered certificate to become permanent should it be an ADA compliant cab.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve making the grandfathered Certificate a permanent ADA only Certificate for King Cab Company. The motion carried unanimously.

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**DOCKET ITEM: 4**

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to reserve 10 parking spaces along the west side of Reinekers Lane for vendors of the Upper King Street Farmers Market. A “No Parking, Vendors Only, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursdays,” restriction would be installed for the 10 spaces during the months of June through October

**APPLICANT:** King Street Station Owners Association and Upper King Street Neighborhood Association

**LOCATION:** 225 Reinekers Lane

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to reserve 10 parking spaces along the west side of Reinekers Lane for vendors of the Upper King Street Farmers Market during the months of June through October on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**DISCUSSION:**

King Street Station Owners Association and Upper King Street Neighborhood Association have submitted SUP #2014-00058, which is a request to coordinate and manage a community farmers market on Thursday evenings during the months of June through October. The applicant will be able to provide parking for all those who wish to attend the event and overflow parking from smaller vendor vehicles using the parking garage, but will be unable to provide parking for larger vendor vehicles. They have requested 10 parking spaces along Reinekers Lane shown in Figure 4b. to provide parking for these larger vendor vehicles.

The market will operate every Thursday during the months of June through October, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The request is to reserve the 10 parking spaces from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Thursday to give the vendors additional time to set up and take down. These are currently metered parking spots, but the vendors would not have to pay to park here during the reserved hours. The applicant is expecting a total of 15 vendors and approximately 250 patrons to attend each market, and hopes this area of Alexandria can be a proud host of a successful weekly farmers market in the summer and fall months. The applicant must pay for fabrication and installation of semi-permanent signage for 10 on-street reserved parking spaces when the farmers market is in operation.

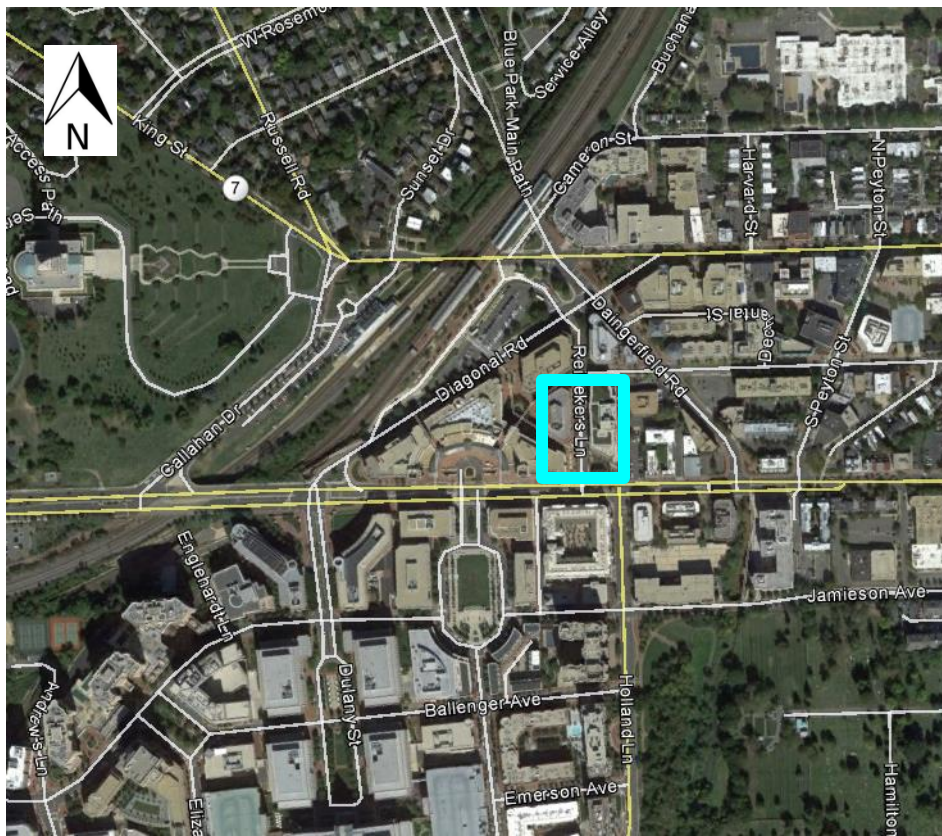


Figure 4a shows the location of the request

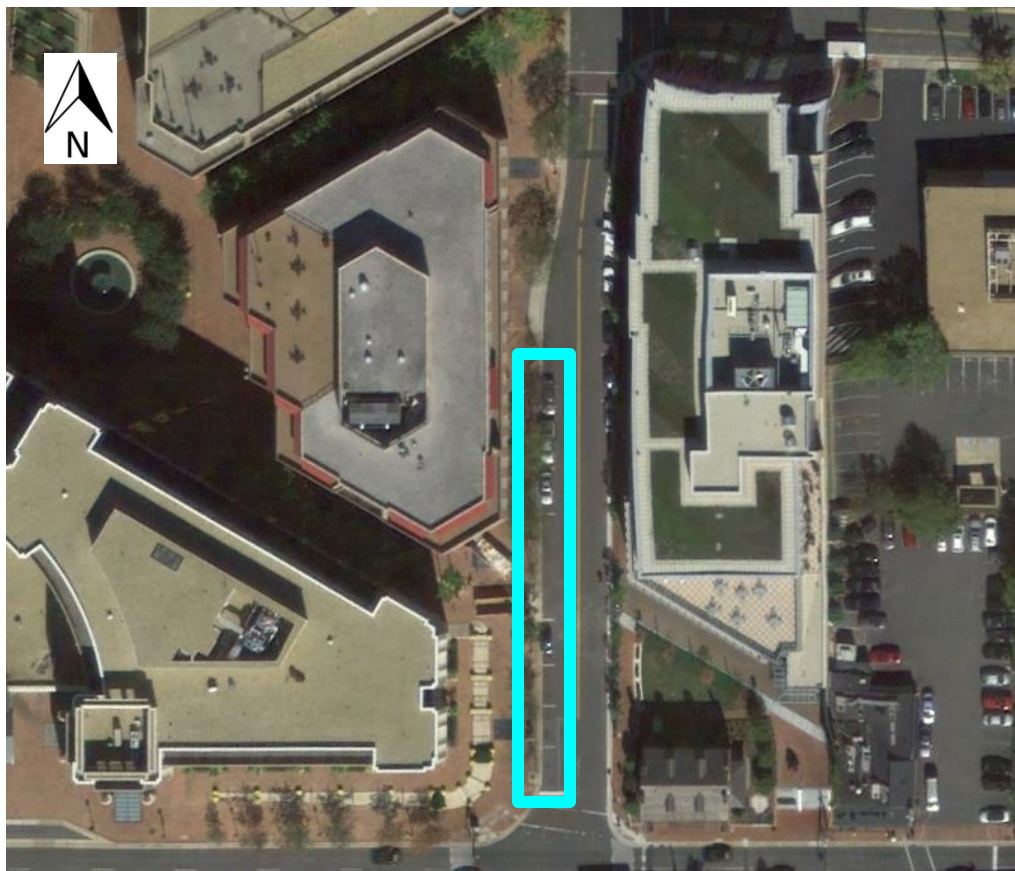


Figure 4b shows the location of the 10 requested parking spaces

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 5

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a 70 foot, “No Parking, Loading Zone, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday through Saturday,” restriction in front of Del Ray Pizzeria

**APPLICANT:** Sean Snyder of Del Ray Pizza

**LOCATION:** 2218 Mt. Vernon Avenue

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to install the “No Parking, Loading Zone, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday through Saturday,” restriction in front of Del Ray Pizza.

**DISCUSSION:**

The applicant, Mr. Snyder of Del Ray Pizzeria, has requested a 70 foot loading zone in front of Del Ray Pizzeria. Currently if there is nowhere for the delivery truck to park along Mt. Vernon Avenue close to Del Ray Pizzeria, it will double park in the travel lane causing a disruption in traffic while it unloads the products. Del Ray Pizzeria receives deliveries twice during the week. The loading zone would be in effect from 9 a.m. through 11 a.m., Monday through Saturday.

Staff recommends installation of a 60 foot loading zone with the following restrictions: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A 60 feet loading zone would be large enough for delivery trucks to unload products in front of their shop at 2218 Mt. Vernon Avenue. In addition Del Ray Parking study indicates that there is a need for parking inform of this business on Saturday. On-street parking occupancy is more than 90% on this section of Mt. Vernon Avenue. Figure 5a shows the location of Del Ray Pizzeria.

This recommendation is in line with recommendations set forth in Del Ray Parking Study. Del Ray Parking Study recommends a loading zone across the street from this location at 2213 Mt. Vernon Avenue. However, there is plan to install a capital Bikeshare station at this location. In addition installing a loading zone informs on 2213 Mt. Vernon may create site distance issues for drivers turning from Custis Street to Mt. Vernon Avenue. Loading and unloading restrictions will only be in effect from 9 a.m to 11 a.m. Del Ray Pizzeria opens at 11:30 a.m. Therefore loading and unloading restrictions won’t negatively affect patrons and will not create spill over to residential neighborhoods as the Pizzeria’s customers won’t come in until 11:30 a.m. It will benefit Del Ray Pizzeria and other shops in this area that get weekly deliveries, while alleviating traffic disruptions caused by delivery trucks parking in the travel lanes along Mt. Vernon Avenue. Please see Figure 5b to see Staff’s recommendation of where the loading zone should be located.



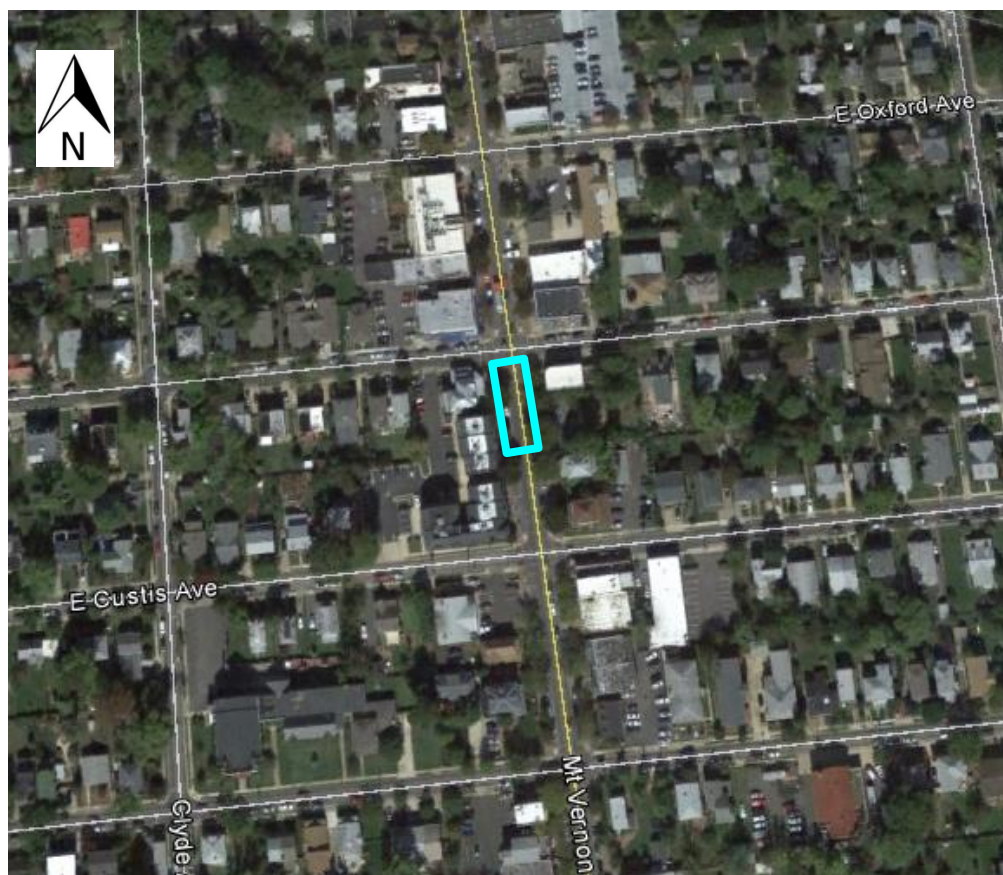


Figure 5a shows the location of Del Ray Pizzeria

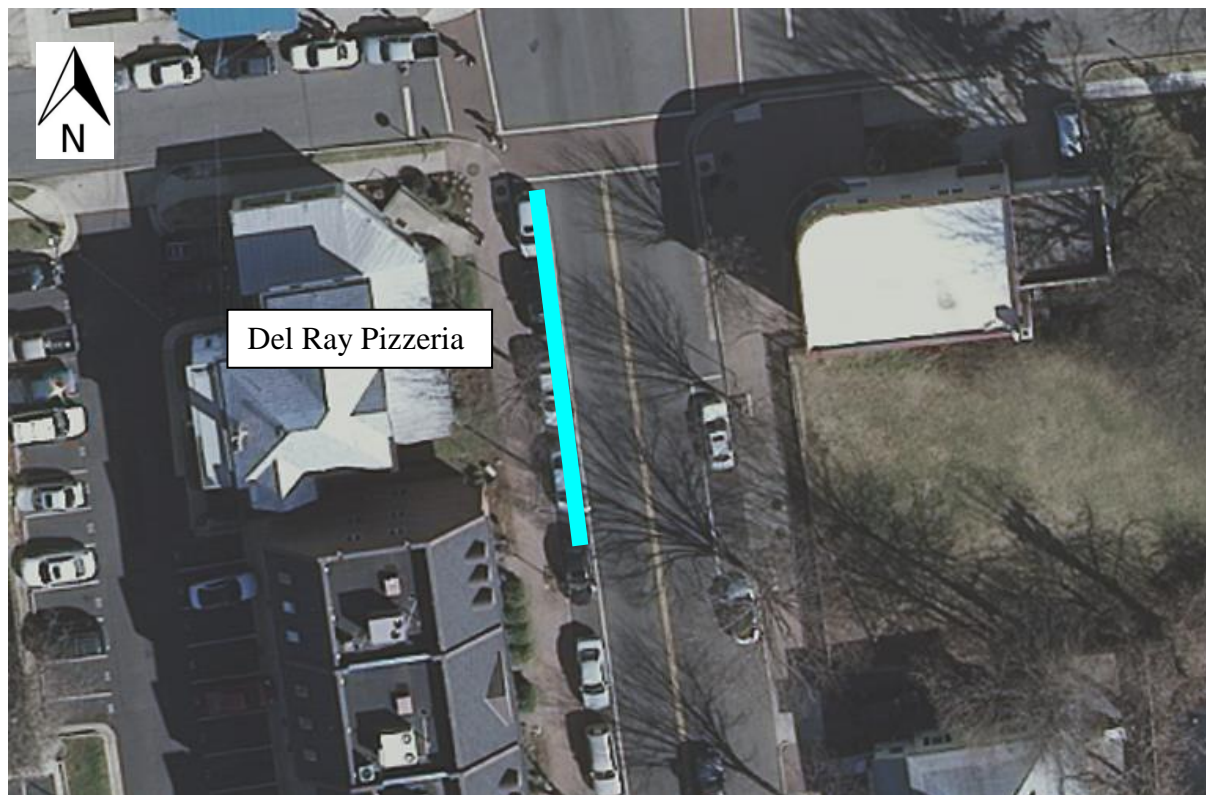


Figure 5b shows the recommended location of the loading zone in front of 2218 Mt. Vernon Avenue



Figure 5c shows the recommended location of the loading zone from ground view

To whom it may concern,

Over the last several months, we (Del Ray Pizzeria) have seen several compliance driven issues beginning to arise due to commercial parking on both Mt. Vernon Avenue and E. Del Ray Avenue. As required from our amended SUP, we wanted to resolve the issue of illegal commercial parking in and around our restaurant. We request that one commercial loading space be placed in front of our restaurant at 2218 Mount Vernon Avenue. We ask that loading times be between 9AM-12PM Monday – Saturday.

This loading spot will help us and our neighboring restaurants and businesses a great deal and alleviate traffic disruptions on Mt. Vernon Avenue and E. Del Ray.

Thank you for your time,

Sean Snyder  
General Manager  
Del Ray Pizzeria  
843-647-8840



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**DOCKET ITEM:** 6

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to relocate two Zipcar parking spaces

**APPLICANT:** Zipcar

**LOCATION:** 1600 block Prince Street and 700 block Jefferson Street

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to relocate the carshare vehicle on the 1600 block of Prince Street to the corner of Daingerfield Road and Diagonal Road and to relocate the carshare vehicle on the 700 block of Jefferson Street to the City's metered parking lot located to the 900 block of King Street.

**DISCUSSION:**

Please find a memorandum from the City of Alexandria to the City Attorney detailing the request.

**City of Alexandria, Virginia**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** JULY 7, 2014

**TO:** CHRISTOPHER SPERA, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

**FROM:** FAYE DASTGHEIB, PARKING PLANNER

**SUBJECT:** RELOCATED TWO ON-STREET CARSHARE VEHICLES

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Pursuant to city-wide on-street carshare policy approved by Council on January 22, 2013 (resolution no. 2540) staff approved five on-street spaces to be leased to Zipcar for on-street carsharing purposes. The attached contract between the City and Zipcar allows for designation of five on-street spaces in public right of way for the purpose of carsharing.

According to data provided by Zipcar two of the five on-street carshare vehicles have a very low usage. Staff believes relocating these two carshare vehicles to another location will help improve usage rate. Paragraph (iv) (g) of the attached contract between the City and Zipcar allows for relocation of carshare vehicles.

Staff recommends relocation of the following two spaces:

1. **The carshare vehicle on 1600 block of Prince Street to be relocated to the corner of Daingerfield Rd and Diagonal Rd:**

The vehicle on 1600 block of Prince Street is currently only used 25% of the time. Relocation would provide greater visibility since this area has a higher pedestrian traffic volume. The carshare vehicle should be placed on the north side of Daingerfield Rd, pointing towards Diagonal Rd. (See picture 1)

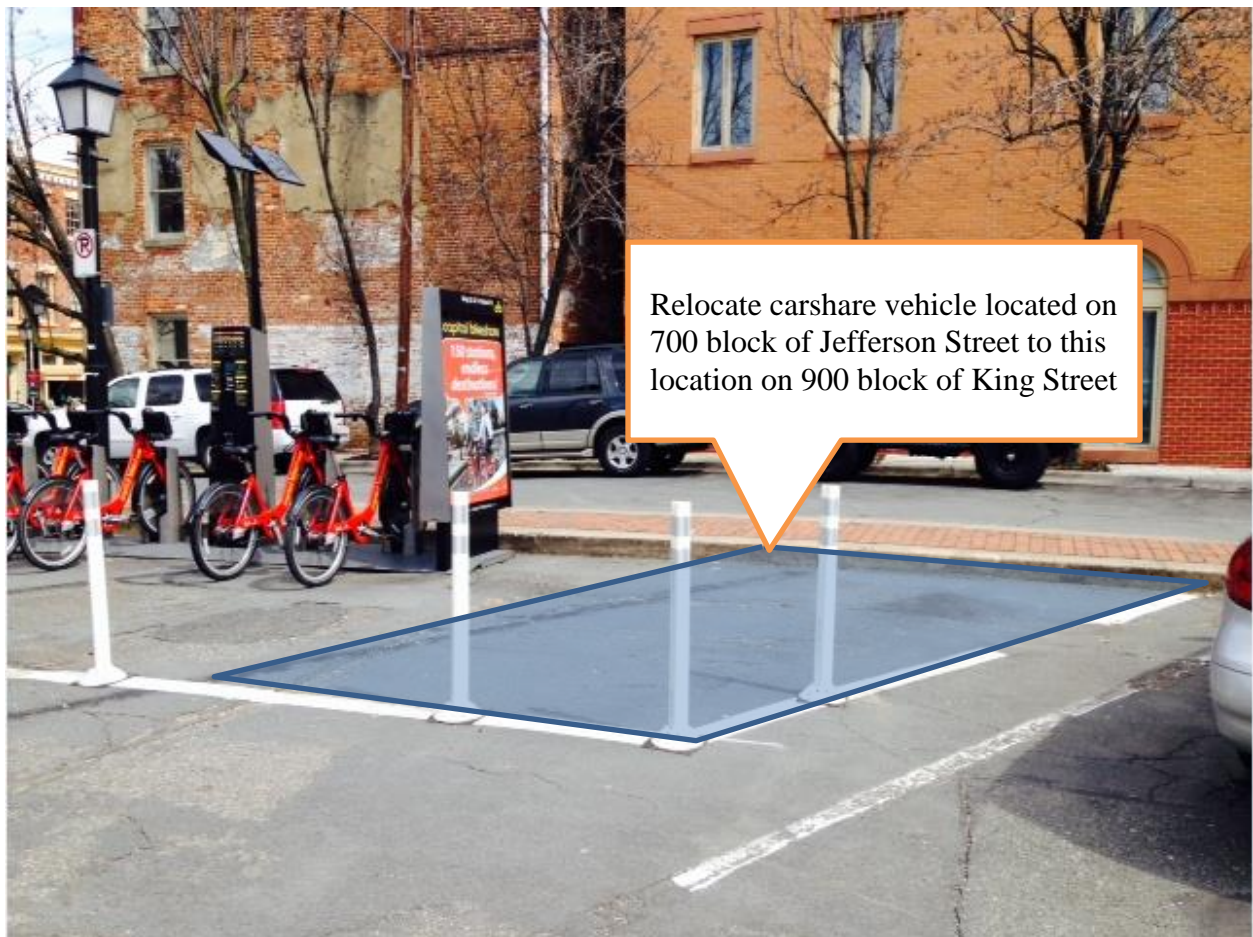
2. **The carshare vehicle on 700 block of Jefferson Street to be relocated to the City's metered parking lot located on 900 block of King Street**

The vehicle on 700 block of Jefferson Street is currently only used 15% of the time. This location is far from population and business centers. Staff recommends relocating the carshare vehicle on 700 bloc of Jefferson Street to the empty space next to the Capital Bikeshare station in City's Parking Lot located on 900 block of King Street (See picture 2). The Capital Bikeshare program coordinator confirmed that the empty space can be used by a carshare vehicle. Staff will take necessary actions to remove the existing posts and sign the space accordingly.

Picture 1



Picture 2



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**DOCKET ITEM:** 7

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on Reed Avenue

**APPLICANT:** Department of Transportation and Environmental Services

**LOCATION:** West Reed Avenue at Commonwealth Avenue

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove one parking space along eastbound West Reed Avenue approaching Commonwealth Avenue.

**DISCUSSION:**

The intersection of West Reed Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue was identified for pedestrian safety improvements as part of the City's Safe Routes to School initiatives. Safe Routes to School is a national, federally grant funded effort to examine conditions around schools and conduct projects and activities that work to improve safety and accessibility, and reduce traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. Safe Routes to School initiatives are coordinated through the City's Complete Streets Program, and involves designing streets and sidewalks to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the vicinity of schools.

The intersection of West Reed Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue has long, skewed crossings that pedestrians use to access the school. The proposed curb extensions shorten the pedestrian crossings and slow turning vehicles to make the intersection safer. All of the crosswalks will be upgraded to high visibility. At the southwest corner of the intersection, the curb will extend fifteen feet behind the crosswalk to create a bus bulb, thereby providing an ADA compliant bus stop. The bus stop is currently not ADA compliant since vehicles are permitted to park up to the bus stop. If the bus bulb is not constructed, up to four parking spaces would need to be removed to make the stop ADA compliant. The construction of the bus bulb permits the removal of only one parking space.

The project was first introduced to the public at the Arlandria Community Open House at Four Mile Park on June 2, 2013. The project design was later presented at the Arlandria Status of Implementation Community Open House on November 13, 2013. No objections to the project were voiced. All nearby homeowners and civic associations were invited to this meeting.

City staff met with the Alexandria Fire Department (AFD) to review the plans in March 2014. The AFD and City staff worked together to come up with a plan that met the needs for both parties and improved turning conditions for the AFD. Staff revised the design to incorporate their comment and sent the design to the AFD and the Alexandria Police Department who both voiced their support for the project.

In July of 2014, project flyers were sent to the Arlandria Advisory Group's Executive Committee, Cora Kelly PTA, Lynhaven Citizens' Association and Hume Springs Citizens' Association to distribute to their members for comment.



The final proposed design, shown in Figure 2, realigns the northeast curb to normalize the intersection. Curb extensions were provided at the northwest, southwest and southeast curbs to shorten the crossing distances slow turning vehicles. In order to fire trucks and other emergency vehicles, the existing median on Commonwealth Avenue will be shortened and replaced with a mountable, permeable surface.

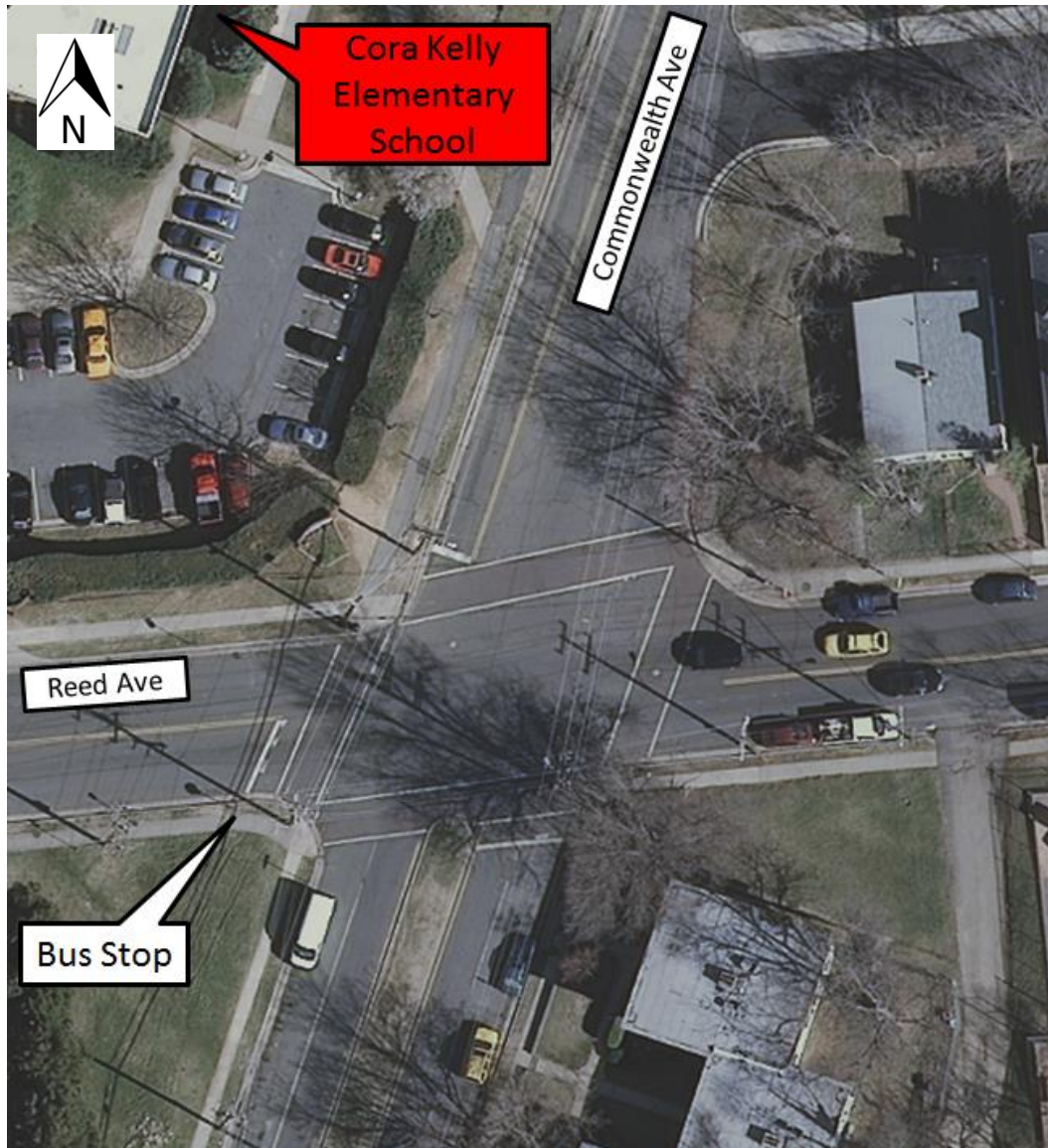


Figure 7a shows the existing conditions

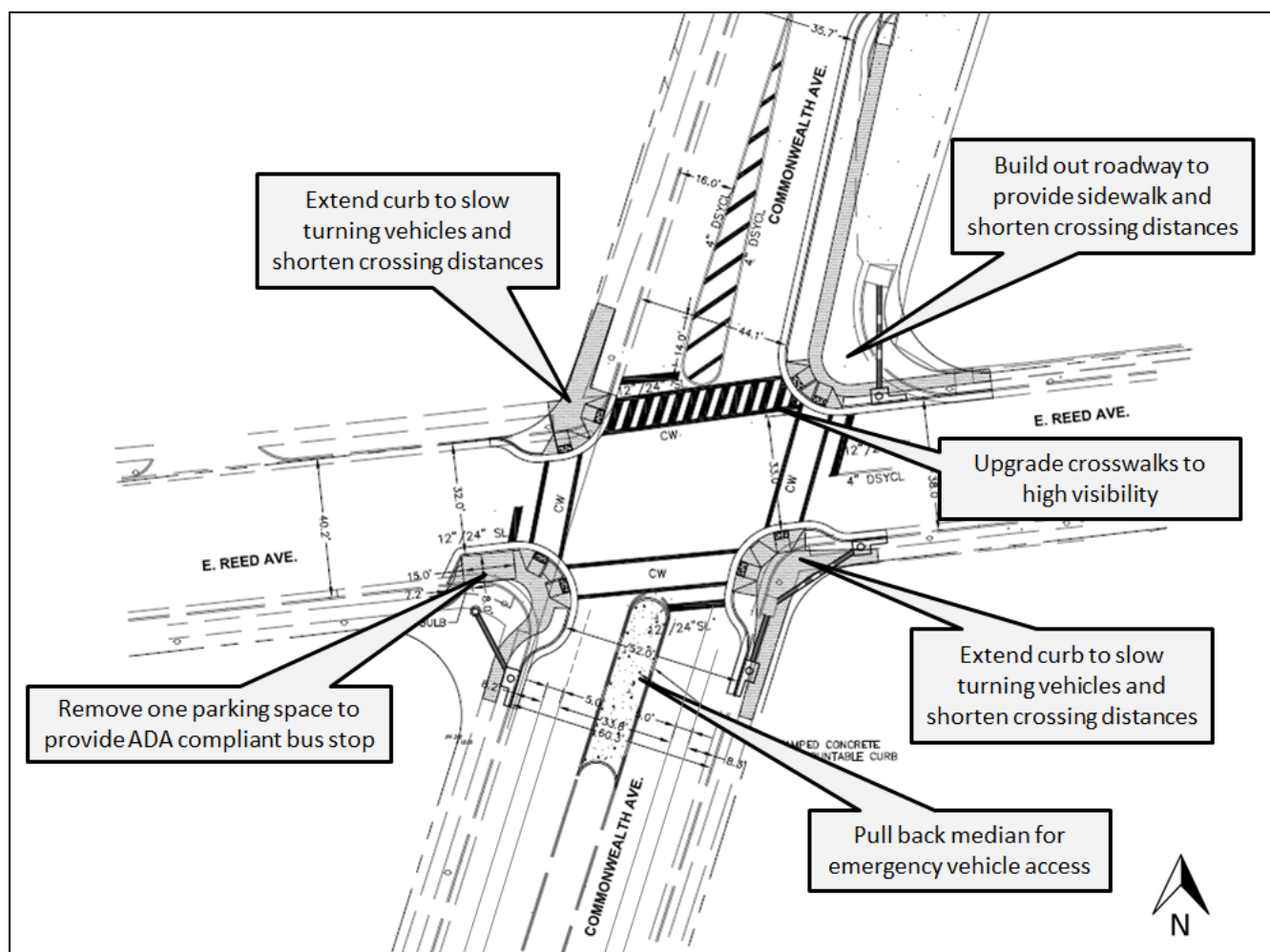


Figure 7b shows the proposed intersection design